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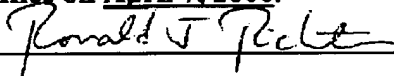
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Final Office Action dated 03/21/2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. No additional fees are believed to be due.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.